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In re KUSUMOTO, et al.

Applicant has also included herewith certified copies of four priority documents upon which priority is being claimed in this application; said documents being Japanese Patent Application No. Hei. 11-199339 filed July 13, 1999; Japanese Patent Application No. Hei. 11-229440 filed August 13, 1999; Japanese Patent Application No. Hei. 11-236750 filed August 24, 1999; and Japanese Patent Application No. Hei. 11-299516 filed October 21, 1999 – all by Daiwa Seiko, Incorporated who is the owner of the instant application. Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgement of receipt of these four priority documents.

It is submitted that the present application is now in condition for examination on its merits and action to that fact is earnestly solicited. In the event the Examiners discover matters, which might be resolved by further discussion, they are invited to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

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